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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 10/537,510 )  
Filed: November 30, 2005 )  
For: LASER PROCESSING APPARATUS )  
AND LASER PROCESSING METHOD )

Group Art Unit: 2873  
Examiner: Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A Japanese Office Action dated May 9, 2006 that issued in a Japanese patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

The cited document is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and is attached hereto. While the Japanese Office Action additionally cites to 09-019784, the document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was previously-filed in this application in an IDS on December 8, 2005.

The cited document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 is in a language other than English. The relevance of the document can be understood from at least the attached English-language Abstract, and/or the citation of the document in the attached Japanese Office Action dated May 9, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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